Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Educating our youth to their fullest potential is the principal goal of South Dakota schools; and,

Whereas, Gifted, talented, and creative students have special needs for enrichment activities in academics, the arts, leadership, and skill development beyond those provided in our regular school programs; and,

Whereas, The university and college environments in South Dakota offer rich sources of educational enrichment opportunities; and,

Whereas, The University of South Dakota at Vermillion has established educational leadership training programs through the School of Education for the education of gifted and talented students; and,

Whereas, This year celebrates the 20th annual South Dakota Governor's Camp for the Gifted Week, July 27-31, 2003, with 150 applications from seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-grade identified gifted students; and,

Whereas, This year's theme for the 20th Annual South Dakota Governor's Camp is "Lean on Me"; and,

Whereas, The University of South Dakota has established a camp for gifted students to offer its resources to young South Dakotans:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 27-31, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I further extend my appreciation to the parents, school faculties, and members of South Dakota's communities who are giving freely of their time, talents, and resources in order to ensure the success of the education of one of our most valuable resources – our gifted and talented students.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State